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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated 06/18/2002. A 1-month shortened statutory term was set to respond to the Office Action, which term ends on July 18, 2002.

Claims 30-40 are pending. The Restriction Requirement subjected the claims to restriction between the following two groups:

I. A multilayer interference or reflective film having at least first and second diverse polymeric materials having a refractive index mismatch in at least a first plane perpendicular to the film, so as to reflect light over a range of wavelengths, wherein at least one of the first or second materials comprises a polymer selected from the group of polyethylene naphthalate and a copolymer thereof, said to be classified in class 359, subclass 589.

II. A multilayer interference or reflective film having at least first and second diverse polymeric materials having equal refractive indices in a first plane and a refractive index mismatch in a second plane perpendicular to the first plane, so as to reflect light having a first polarization, wherein at least one of the first or second materials comprises a polymer selected from the group of polyethylene naphthalate and a copolymer thereof, said to be classified in class 359, subclass 500.

The Restriction Requirement identified claims 30-35 as belonging to Group I, and claims 36-40 as belonging to Group II.